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SUBJECT: OCTOBER 21-22 XCSS MEETING

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED BY SEPTELS ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR OCT 21-22 XCSS AND DETAILED ACCOUNT OF OCT 9 HEADS OF DEL DISCUSSION OF XCSS ROLE IN DIALOGUE AND WAY IN WHICH UPCOMING MEETING WILL BE STRUCTURED. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED LENGTHY SECRETARIAT ISSUES PAPER FOR AGENDA ITEM 2 AND WILL TRANSMIT SUMMARY OF MAJOR POINTS ASAP.

2. AS INDICATED BY HEADS OF DEL DISCUSSION, MAIN THRUST OF MISSION AND VAN LENNEP HAS BEEN TO STRESS NEED FOR XCSS TO GET DOWN TO MEANINGFUL, SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION AND NOT TO GET BOGGED DOWN ONCE AGAIN IN PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS. WE, VAN LENNEP AND OTHER KEY DELS HAVE STRESSED THAT XCSS SHOULD NOT START DISCUSSING NEED FOR OVERALL COORDINATION OF DIALOGUE. NEVERTHELESS, WHILE SECRETARIAT IS ON BOARD AND THIS APPROACH APPEARED TO BE ACCEPTED BY ALL MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AT HEADS OF DEL MEETING, WE ARE NOT YET FULLY CERTAIN THAT JOLLES SHARES THIS VIEW. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONSULT
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URGENTLY WITH JOLLES, REFERRING TO HEADS OF DEL DISCUSS-

ION AND URGING UPON HIM POINTS MADE BY VAN LENNEP, AMB. TURNER AND OTHERS, I.E., THAT UPCOMING XCSS SHOULD FOCUS ON BASIC SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES AND AVOID DISCUSSING QUESTIONS OF OVERALL COORDINATION OF DIALOGUE.

3. DEPARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CIRCULARIZE OECD POSTS REQUESTING THEM TO URGE UPON HOST GOVERNMENTS HIGHEST POSSIBLE REPRESENTATION QUALIFIED AND PREPARED TO DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CITE SECRETARIAT ISSUES PAPER AS SPRINGBOARD FOR DISCUSSION OR MAY WISH TO ADD OTHER SUBSTANTIVE TOPICS ON WHICH IT WOULD WISH OTHER DELS TO COME PREPARED. TURNER

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